(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to fill up the vacancies in consultation with "Prasar Bharati Board" in view of generating employment under public sector unit as well as to combat unemployment problem in the country to some extent?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action for filling up the necessary vacancies has been initiated by Prasar Bharati.

Quick Service for Distribution of Letters and Articles

*487. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Department of Posts are considering some measures to ensure that the dak from Delhi/New Delhi reaches each of the capitals of States/ Union Territories the very next day without any surcharge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Keeping in view the geographical location of each of the State Capitals/Union Territories and the Air/Rail connections available between these stations, norms for delivery of letter between these places are within 48—72 hours after the day of posting. These norms have been laid down keeping in view the time required for collection, processing, transmission, sorting and delivery of mail under normal conditions. While delivery of mails from Delhi to some State Capitals/Union Territories depending on the time of posting of mail and the Air connection available could be delivered the very next day, the same may not be feasible in respect of each of the locations because of their locations from Delhi and non-availability of suitable Air/Train connections. The Department has already introduced from 1994 special mail channels, called, Rajdhani Channel for transmission of household mail between Delhi and the State Capitals (other than the metros) and Metro Channel between Delhi and the Metros and between the Metros. Specially desinged letter boxes and mail bags in yellow colour for Rajdhani Channel and blue colour for Metro Channel, have also been introduced. For priority handling of this category of mail in transmission, these bags are closed with specially designed colour lables. Because of geographical locations, it is not feasible to introduce Rajdhani Channel for all the capitals of Union Territories.

Supreme Court's Judgement Regarding Appointment of Officer Nominee Director

*488. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'able Supreme Court of India, in its judgement given in August, 1989 in the case of Transfer of Petitioners No. 376—401 of 1985 in the appointment of officer nominee Director on the board of nationalised banks clearly asked Government either to amend the existing scheme for appointments and until any amendment is made to continue the existing scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the judgement and whether it has since been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reason for not implementing the same?